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In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-33. Please add new claims 34-37 as follows:

34. A method to identify a specific binding partner compound of a phosphodiesterase polypeptide encoded by a polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

i) a polynucleotide comprising the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1;